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Subject: "Mum's the Word"-Information from garden specialists of the
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You plant chrysanthemums in the spring. But take it from the garden experts of the U.S.Department of Agriculture...the time to select the "mums" you want in your garden is in the fall...while the flowers are blooming.

When you see a chrysanthemum you like...get the name of the variety. Find out too if it blooms early. The early blooming variety will have a long season in flower. It lasts until frost.

Hardy chrysanthemums are easy to grow. They've been tested from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic coast. On the Great Plains and as far south as Oklahoma. They'll grow in any soil that grows vegetables.

For good blooms and foliage—the experts advise starting "mums" fresh every year...or at least every two years.

Plant scientists of the U.S.Department of Agriculture have developed more than a dozen hardy varieties of chrysanthemums in the past 25 years.

One of the best known is the Algonuquin...a big yellow "mum" that begins to bloom in early September and continues blooming until frost.

Another lovely one is the Manantico (manan te' co) . This is a rose-colored chrysanthemum with a bright yellow center. The Seminole is an early double white variety.

Newest mums developed by the plant scientists are called the Fleur and the Terry. The Fleur's a dark red...the Terry's a beautiful yellow...a lemon yellow. These two varieties were introduced to florists and nurserymen in August of this year. Chances are you'll be seeing them in the seed catalogs by 1947. Then you can add these varieties to your collection of chrysanthemums.

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